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Max Millikan

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SUBJECT:

O/RR Contributions to NIE-33

The O/RR written contributions to NIE-33 provided a large share of the information which the final draft contained, and the support given by the O/RR staff at various stages of the paper's development was generous and always illuminating. I especially appreciated the great understanding and tact shown by all of the O/RR members in correcting errors and misinterpretations, and I am sure everyone else who worked on the paper shared this feeling.

I feel certain that my comments on the O/RR written contributions will only confirm those made within your organization, but perhaps the reflections of a consumer outside will be of some interest. Although the country reports were filled with a wide variety of information, I feel that all of them were far too long and that they were generally only compilations with very little critical analysis. As a consequence, there was often no distinction between important and unimportant issues, all being treated as of equal significance. Few searching questions were asked by those who made the compilations, and there were often great gaps and inner contradictions.

The second major flaw consisted of the inexactness of the summary. Whoever compiled or wrote Part II, "The Economic Significance of the Satellite Countries to the USSR," dated 24 July 1951, faced a problem similar to that of the staff in ONE in reducing a great mass of material to a more meaningful summary, and he erred in fundamentally the same fashion in which the staff here often does. Item 9, on page 11, for example, summarizes all of the data on the manpower situation within the Satellite area, but does so in a way which your population section found inexact and misleading. Apparently, the summary was not checked with those who made the original contributions until I noticed the discrepancies.

I regret that the recent version of the orientation course contained no description of the organization and operation of O/RR. If ever you arrange a tour of your outfit or a special orientation course upon it, I should very much appreciate being invited.

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